

Summary of the Friday Sermon Delivered by Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad - Khalifatul Masih IV. On 10th January 1997

The month of Ramadan is that in which the Quran was sent down as guidance for mankind with manifest principles for guidance which distinguish. Therefore whosoever of you finds themselves in this month let them fast throughout. But whoso is ill or on a journey should do so on a corresponding number of other days. Allah desires ease for you and He desires not hardship for you so that you may complete the number and that you may glorify Allah for His having guided you and that you may be grateful.

And when My servants ask thee about me: I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me. So should they respond to Me and have firm faith in Me that they may be guided aright.

The Holy Quran. al-Baqarah [The Heifer]: 186, 187.

These are the verses which are often recited in connection with Ramadan or at its beginning and the subject of Ramadan is discussed with reference to these. Friday today is connected to Ramadan in that Ramadan begins tomorrow. 'And when My servants ask thee about me: I am near' is a promise made exclusively with the believers in relation to Ramadan. The key to this subject is in the word *servants*. Otherwise there are hundreds of millions of people who call upon God but they receive no answer. Almighty God states that I respond to the prayers of those people who have become my servants, those who act upon my teachings and when I beckon them they confirm me and act accordingly. We must strive so that Almighty God might include us in His servants before Ramadan passes.

This Ramadan is blessed in many ways and it seems as if this Ramadan is one which is about to herald a special Sign because the first day of Ramadan is about to begin today and this is a Friday that is *Friday the Tenth*¹ about which Allah the Almighty had informed me in a vision that it would rise again and again bringing glad tidings. In this aspect I have no doubt about this Ramadan being an unusually blessed one.

The opposing Maulvis in Pakistan have begun repeating the same allegations against the Community which I had mentioned in the *Mubahila* Challenge that they are all false and baseless allegations and had repeated the prayer of 'The curse of Allah be upon the liars'.²

Allah the Almighty annihilated Zia ul-Haq as a Sign of the truth of the *Mubahila* and not a jot of him was left behind. Only a Denture remained and even that was fake. However despite seeing this Sign these people still continually increase in their audacity. The same evil movements are rising that had risen before. They were refuted and answered with evidence but when there is no shame left then one can do whatever they want. There is no shame left

¹ Friday Sermon 28th December 1984. Paris – France. *Khutbat e Tahir*: iii. 777.

² Whoso disputes this with thee after whatever has come to thee of [Divine] knowledge say 'Come let us call our sons and your sons and our women and your women and our people and your people; then let us pray fervently and invoke the curse of Allah on those who lie.'

The Holy Quran. Āl Imran [Family of Imran]: 62.

in this nation and they carry on claiming that the *Ulema* [clerics] of the whole world believe Ahmadis to be apostates, infidels and outside the pale of Islam but Ahmadis do not accept it.

The same claims are made against you by the rest of the sects so you should accept those too. But even if you did so we still would not accept it because that would mean that we refute the Oneness of Almighty God and deny the finality of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. I say today what I had said before, and I would keep saying the same thing that you may oppose us however much you will but Ahmadiyya cannot deviate from these principles. The existence of Ahmadiyya is a proof of the *Kalima* of the Oneness of God. It is a proof of the message and perfect Servant-hood of the Holy Prophet it is a witness to the fact that he is the Seal of the Prophets. How can you stop us from these principles through your bad mouthing?

It is so stupid to say that Ahmadis reject the Pakistani constitution. You people violate the Pakistani constitution every other day. Why do you reject the right to freedom of conscience which this constitution grants to everybody? When the nation passes a decree against their desires they say that they will carry out a sit-in protest, that *we will sit on the roads*.

Which constitution do you speak of? Does your constitution wish us to affirm that God forbid the Messenger of Allah is false? Have some shame. Even if the constitutions of the whole world asked this of us against the Constitution of God we would reject it and kick it aside.

According to you the honour of the Holy Prophet lies in not embracing anyone until they reject the Messenger of Allah. We do not even care to spit on such [embracing] bosoms. You are actually about to be targeted with disgraces. You are to become a Sign that bears warning and you can never avert this decree of Almighty God.

Come and let us make this a decisive Ramadan. You have taken things to the final limit and so Allah is giving you a lot of leeway and has given you vent but the days of your grabbing will come and they will certainly come. I announce today that you are to become the victims of huge disgrace.

Today voices rise from every place that the country has been destroyed. The caretaker government is announcing that the situation is beyond their help. The whole nation has become Corrupt. It is the *Mullahs* who have destroyed this nation and as long as this poison seeps into your roots no measure can be taken to keep you alive. It sits on top of your heads because you always embrace whoever says anything against Ahmadis. So if you want to break the lifeline of the Mullah then snatch the morsel of Ahmadiyya from them and then see what authority it has remaining.

These people are the enemies of Pakistan. They remained its enemies even after the creation of Pakistan. These are the ones who used to write *Paleedistan* instead of Pakistan³ and Pakistan remained Pakistan until they interfered but now that they have interfered they have really turned Pakistan into *Paleedistan*.

In expectation of a decisive Ramadan I enjoin upon the Ahmadiyya Community to devote this Ramadan to special prayers for this sake that *O Allah! Decide between us and them for You are the best of Deciders. None else decides better than You do. O God! Wrap up the ranks of all these Pharaohs who continue to jump higher than ever before in falsehood and*

³ *Pakistan* means 'Land of the Pure. *Paleedistan* means 'Land of the filthy'.

arrogance and do not desist from evils and disgraceful acts. So make this year or the following year or both of them together decisive in a way that renders this century with the grace of Almighty God a century of the failure and dismay of the enemies so that the new century rises bringing with it a new sun for the glory of Ahmadiyya.

100 years ago in 1897 a grand Sign was shown about Lekh Ram and a hundred years later I am again drawing your attention to praying for the destruction of Lekh Rams.

In reply to every allegation of these enemies we had said ‘The curse of Allah be on the liars’. You should also swear by God that you are truthful and that Ahmadiis really do believe in what you say [they believe] then see how God deals with you and how He deals with us. I had delivered this Challenge in 1988 and I repeat this same announcement again today. The Maulvis should swear by Allah and announce the allegations they have published throughout the entire country and heap curses upon the liar and say that *If we are false then Allah the Almighty should curse us and destroy us and disgrace us.* If Maulvis have the courage they should accept this Challenge. Then they will see how Almighty God deals with them. May God enable them to be stupid enough to pluck up the courage. If they do this then I assure you that Allah the Almighty will disgrace them flagrantly and openly and will not only show one Sign as a warning but many repeated one. May Allah the Almighty grace us with every kind of blessing connected with this Ramadan. May Signs of his wrath appear for these people and positive Signs [of His succour] appear in favour of the Ahmadiyya Community.